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Police launch crackdown on 'reckless' bike riders

Alarm as gangs try out stunts in front of traffic

By Matthew Brown

POLICE have cracked down on gangs of youths on bikes who have been recklessly performing wheelies in front of traffic and pedestrians in Basingstoke town centre.

A dispersal order was put in place on August 4 and 5 as a consequence of large groups – some containing more than 30 bikers – gathering in the pedestrian areas at Top of Town and surrounding streets.

Police said they were causing alarm, harassment and distress to both pedestrians and motorists.

Sergeant Jennifer Lovegrove said: "The issue of young people riding bikes in an anti-social manner has been raised to us a number of times, and this is our response."

"Cycling in an irresponsible manner, such as doing wheelies in the middle of the road in front of traffic, or riding at pedestrians, will not be tolerated and we will deal with all

offences robustly."

The police were joined by colleagues from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Safer North Hampshire for the operation.

Those found riding their bike in the town centre were told to dismount. Repeat offenders were given official warnings or removed from the area using powers under the dispersal order that had been authorised by an inspector.

A total of 14 young people were warned or dispersed with parents contacted. They will be visited by officers at a later date to discuss their child's behaviour.

Festival Place, The Malls, the railway station, Top of Town, Alencon Link and Eastrop Lane are all covered by the dispersal order.

Sgt Lovegrove added: "We will continue with operations such as this throughout the summer and the town centre will remain a priority area for patrols by your officers and community safety patrol officers."

"I'd like to take this opportunity to ask parents to be aware of what their children are doing and speak to them about road safety."

Call police on 101 if you spot anti-social behaviour.

Visitors search soles for clues



Nursery rhyme characters Humpty Dumpty, Little Bo Peep and Old Mother Hubbard were just some of the unusual figures seen on the streets of Tadley and

Baughurst last week. They were scattered around as part of a nursery rhyme-themed Scarecrow Festival, that challenged visitors to

follow a trail of scarecrows in the hunt for clues to solve a puzzle at the end. See page 3 for full story and more pictures.

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Mansion celebrates success of bookbench trail

BASINGSTOKE'S 18th century Worthing House played host to a celebration of the Sitting with Jane public art trail.

Clients and management from the offices based at the Grade II listed mansion were joined by businesses from around Basingstoke to enjoy a Jane Austen drinks evening which showcased the venue's involvement in the bookbench project.

There are 24 bookbenches, including artist Mik Richardson's Are you Sitting Comfortably? bench in front of Worthing House, on display around the borough until the end of August.

They are one of the ways in which Hampshire has marked

to 200th anniversary of the novelist's death.

The bookbenches will be auctioned off on September 15, with 75 per cent of proceeds going to Basingstoke's Ark Cancer Charity.

Jane Austen had links to Worthing House - it was inherited by Harris Bigg-Wither in 1813, to whom she was briefly engaged.

Worthing House director John Jervoise said: "With strong links to the Jane Austen story, Worthing House serviced offices were delighted to participate in the Sitting with Jane project by sponsoring one of the bookbenches."

"We are delighted that Jane Austen fans have been com-

Artist Mik Richardson and Faith Ruto sit comfortably on his Jane Austen bench at Worthing House



ing to Worthing House to see Mik's marvellous bookbench, and have been able to sit on a unique work of art in front of

this historic house."

For details on the auction, go to arkcancercharity.org.uk/fundraising/sitting-jane.

Kayleigh finds new role as mentor for the CAB

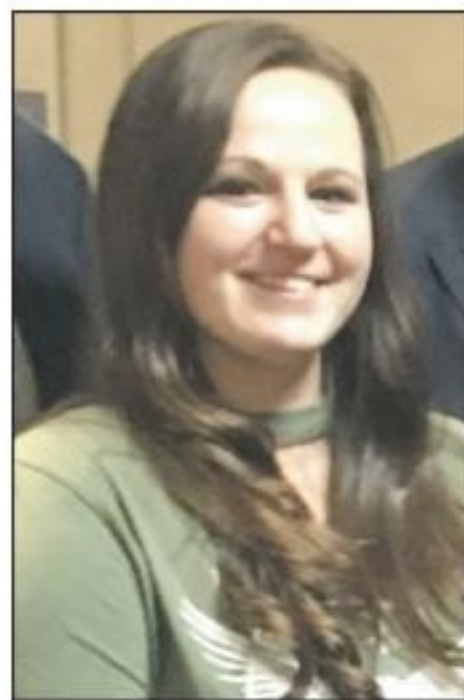
By Matthew Brown

AN INSPIRATIONAL woman who left school when she was 14 and ended up sofa-surfing has turned her life around thanks to an innovative new project at Basingstoke Citizens Advice Bureau.

Kayleigh Peacock is now a peer mentor with Basingstoke CAB's What Works Project, which aims to engage young people between the ages of 16 and 24 in understanding their finances.

She said: "I had quite a troubled childhood, like a lot of people do, but I left school when I was 14 and at 16, entered into a really bad relationship and found myself sofa surfing at the age of 28."

"When I was 29, I moved into



Peer mentor Kayleigh Peacock

the YMCA and was desperate for a job."

While there she met Di Lewis from Basingstoke CAB, who

encouraged Kayleigh to get involved in the project.

The service aims to advise young people about saving, budgeting and having better control of their money and has been funded through a grant from the Money Advice Service.

Currently, the CAB is trialling three different methods to deliver the scheme: either through peer mentoring, a traditional course and through social media.

Kayleigh said she had improved so much as a person and learnt how to manage her money more effectively as a result of the project.

She said: "I remember when I first started, Di asked me what kind of money person I was and my response was 'I

do not save'."

This has all changed and Kayleigh is now educating the next generation in how to manage their money more effectively.

She added: "I'm also a lot more confident in my abilities and am also training to be a gateway advisor at the Citizen's Advice."

Almost 12,500 people were helped by Basingstoke's CAB during the last year.

It is an independent charity that receives no Government support and aims to help people resolve legal, money and other problems by providing a high-quality, impartial and confidential advice service from their offices in the Discovery Centre.

For details, see basingstoke-andtadleycab.org.uk.

Green Week highlights eco changes

GREEN-FINGERED fun is coming to Basingstoke as Green Week returns for a fifth year.

It runs from September 16 to 25 and features a host of activities.

A Big Green Science night, flower planting and a soup fest are among the eco-friendly events on offer, along with a green market, furniture restoration workshop and children's craft sessions.

Cllr Hayley Eachus, cabinet member for regulatory services and the environment at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, said: "There's a fantastic array of fun and educational events being held across the borough."

"It's great to see so many organisations and individuals getting involved and raising awareness of how we can all make a difference by going greener."

Green Week is aimed at highlighting environmental issues and initiatives taking in the borough, organised by local volunteers, community groups and supported by the borough council.

The eco-friendly fun gets underway on September 16 with a Green Market in Castle Square, The Malls, where you can meet local community groups, buy a variety of products and pick up some freebies.

Then on September 20, the Discovery Centre hosts the Big Green Science Night.

For a full list of what's on during Green Week, go to basingstoke.gov.uk/green-week.

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Debut straw poll voted a big success

By Matthew Brown

SCARECROWS of all shapes and sizes took over Tadley and Basingstoke last week for the inaugural Scarecrow Festival.

There were 29 entries on the theme of nursery rhymes and more than 400 maps were sold guiding visitors around the trail, where they had to find the scarecrows that had letters to solve a puzzle.

Melanie Russell, one of the organisers, said: "The idea

for the trail came about following a trip to Burghfield to do theirs.

"We thought it would be a fun thing to do in the summer holidays to entertain the children."

The festival raised £572.17 that will be jointly split between Tadley and Basingstoke Scout and Guide Groups.

Following the success of the festival, it will run again next year.



Forest Close Mums won the first prize of £50 for their entry *Sleeping Bunnies*, below, while the Cooke family secured the £25 second prize with their fetching *Little Bo Peep* tableau, above



Third prize of £10 went to Tadley Fire Station for *London's Burning*



Have say on where budget axe will fall

THERE is still time for Hampshire residents to have their say on how the county council cuts services.

By 2019/20, the authority is expected to face a gap of £140million as a result of ongoing austerity measures, increasing demand for some services and inflationary pressures.

County council leader Roy Perry said: "The consultation asks residents and stakeholders to give us their views on a num-

ber of high-level, strategic options including: potential changes to services, further ways to generate income, use of reserves, potential increases to council tax and changing local government in Hampshire.

"It is important to stress that at this stage, the county council is not proposing specific changes to services.

"Any proposals will be informed by feedback from this consultation and subject to further, more

detailed public engagement.

"Therefore, only examples of possible service changes have been provided."

Feedback will be used to inform final savings proposals put to select committees and executive members, before consideration by the full county council in October. Visit hants.gov.uk/aboutthe-council/haveyoursay/consultations/balancingthebudget.

The deadline for views to be submitted is August 21 at 11.59pm.

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Teens learn valuable new skills



Maria Miller congratulates the Basingstoke College students who took part in the National Citizen Service scheme

YOUNG people from Basingstoke have been spending their summer participating in the National Citizen Service (NCS) scheme.

Teenagers from Basingstoke College of Technology have been busy with two week-long visits, including to an outdoors activity centre and designing and planning a fundraising project.

The Two Saints homeless shelter in Basingstoke is set to benefit from one group's quiz night at the Chineham Scout Hall, where they

had to 'pitch' to a Dragon's Den-style panel to secure a loan to fund their project.

Basingstoke MP Maria Miller was full of praise for the project.

She said: "The National Citizen Service gives young people a fantastic opportunity to get involved in challenging activities, grow in confidence, get new skills for work and life, work together to deliver a project to benefit their community, and to meet new people.

"It is great news that the

National Citizen Service is going from strength to strength in Basingstoke, with around 250 students taking part locally this year."

The NCS programme is for 16 and 17 year-olds and brings them together for a three-week project that is followed by a 30-hour social action project.

It is hoped this will enable them to develop greater confidence, responsibility, resilience and skills as well as volunteering in their communities.

Homes plan delayed after concern raised

By Matthew Brown

PLANS to develop 58 homes in Bramley have been put on hold.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's development control committee voted to defer the application for phase two of a 200-house development on land off Minchens Lane because of concerns over height of some of the buildings.

Bramley parish councillor Chris Tomblin addressed the committee and 'strongly urged' them to reject the application.

He said: "The development is not of an appropriate design, it does not relate well to the surrounding area."

Cllr Tomblin said the parish council had many meetings with developers Charles Church/Persimmon Homes that led them to approve the application and recommend it to Bramley residents.

Legal agreements were drawn up that the developer would agree to keep building heights to a set level, and provide community facilities, cycleways and footpaths in exchange for the parish council supporting this decision.

But Cllr Tomblin said this agreement was being ignored. He said: "Bramley is now faced with three-storey houses, the agreement was for no taller than two and a half. We do not see these (cycleways and footpaths)."

He encouraged Charles Church to work with the parish council to create a housing development that complied with the agreement.

Charles Church/Persimmon's representative Craig Hatton was due to speak at the meeting but was not present.

Cllr Nicholas Robinson, the borough councillor for Bramley and committee vice-chair, read

out a letter from Charles Church/Persimmon to the parish council that said: "There was simply not enough room to provide it (the cycle path) with the amount of housing required."

He branded the shared road the developer had proposed instead as "nonsense". "No one wants to stop this development, but this isn't right yet," he added.

Fellow committee member David Potter was also unconvinced with the application, saying there were "a lot of inconsistencies".

Committee chairman Paul Miller sought advice from planning officers about how to proceed and it was agreed the application could be deferred on the basis of building heights but officers said it would not be possible to do anything about the cycleways and footpaths.

Further discussions will now take place between all parties..

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Have say on plan

WHITCHURCH: A referendum is to take place on the Whitchurch Neighbourhood Plan on September 14.

All residents on the electoral roll in the parish will be able to cast their vote.

The question that will be asked is: Do you want Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Whitchurch to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

Votes can be cast between 7am and 10pm at the Gill Nethercott Centre.

Artists in the frame

BASINGSTOKE: Members of Basingstoke Art Club are holding an exhibition at the Willis Museum from this Saturday to September 16.

Friends of the Willis Museum are invited to a preview on Saturday afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.30pm before the show opens to the public.

Classic cars line up

KINGSCLERE: Motoring enthusiasts should get along to Sandford Springs Hotel and Golf Club on Sunday where a classic car show is taking place.

A free event, Classics at the Clubhouse, will also feature live music, shops and retail stands, games and a bouncy castle.

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The show runs from 10am to 3pm.

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Teenager assaulted by gang of five

A TEENAGER has been robbed by a gang in South View, Basingstoke.

The 16-year-old was walking by himself near the entrance of the Holy Ghost Cemetery when the group of five men approached him on bikes.

As well as being assaulted by one of the men, the boy had a pair of black Iqual-Tech Bluetooth speakers, pink headphones and £20 in cash stolen from him.

He suffered minor injuries that did not need treatment.

The man who carried out the assault is described as white, aged 20 to 22, 5ft 10ins tall, of muscular build and with stubble on his chin.

The rest of the group are described as white also, with one of them having a green and blue mountain bike with blue wheel rims.

Detective Constable Kayleigh Rush said: "I am appealing for anyone who may have been in the area at the time of the incident to come and speak to us."

"They may have seen or heard something that could be vital to our investigation. Do you know who these offenders might be? Have you come across the stolen property?"

Anyone with information should contact police on 101 and quote reference 44170308465.

Happy end to tale for gentle Max

By Matthew Brown

A ONE-EYED dog who has spent just under half his life waiting for the perfect owner, has found a home in Basingstoke.

Max, a 10-year-old Staffy-cross, spent four years at Watford's National Animal Welfare Trust - making him the longest resident there - until he was re-homed by Julie Dawson and her husband Bob.

Julie, from Chineham, said: "Visiting him in the place he felt safe was really important."

"We quickly built up that bond and connection and I thought 'I'm sure we could have something here, us two'."

"He sat up in the car as soon as we arrived in Basingstoke, it's like he knew he was home."

Abandoned Max lost his left eye in October 2015 after suffering from a glaucoma.

Julie added: "People want to adopt pedigree dogs or don't think he's beautiful because he's missing an eye. I think he's beautiful and he's such a

bright boy. I want to make the last part of his life the best part of his life."

Julie had initially wanted to adopt a dog for a long time but family commitments like caring for her elderly parents, made it difficult.

In April, she finally took the plunge after seeing a photo of Max online and brought him home. He has now become another friendly face for her father, who has dementia.

Julie said: "My dad has always loved dogs and he looks forward to seeing Max."

"Max senses he has to be gentle and docile around him, and knows when to give my dad space too."

As a result of Max's experience, he is one of the faces of Petplan's adverts for Channel 4's Animal Rescue Live: Super-vet Special.

Now settled, Julie and Max are in a happy routine: "He's so calm and content, it's like he knows he's in a good place, he's a happy soul."



Julie Dawson with Max, who once was the longest resident with Watford's Animal Welfare Trust

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Buses cut back

WHITCHURCH: There will be changes to the buses that serve Whitchurch from September 3.

Stagecoach has announced that route 76 will only run hourly during off peak times between Whitchurch and Andover, rather than every 30 minutes.

Also some of the buses from Basingstoke will now terminate in Bell Street and start their journey back there from Church Street.

Let judging begin

KINGSCLERE: The 55th Kingsclere Gardening Association Show is taking place on Sunday.

There will be a tombola, craft stalls and refreshments available at the event at the Fieldgate Centre, which runs from 2pm until 5pm.

Show schedules are available from the library and village butcher. Entry is 50p with exhibitors free.

Motorbike stolen

HARTLEY WINTNEY: A motorcross bike has been stolen from a property near Hartley Wintney.

The red Honda CR125 was taken from a shed at a house in Hartfordbridge between 9am on August 5 and 9.15am on August 10. If you have any information, call police on 101 and quote 44170307711.

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It's showtime

BRAMLEY: The Bramley Show returns on Saturday. The 31st edition of the show at the village hall will feature competitions in baking, painting, photography, growing and much more.

Staging of exhibits runs from 8.30am to 10am before judging begins at 10.45am.

It opens to the public at 2pm, with the prizegiving taking place at 3pm followed by an auction and raffle.

Meet the artists

NORTH HAMPSHIRE: An annual art trail where artists open their studios and galleries to visitors starts on Saturday.

The trail runs until August 28 and a number of artists across Basingstoke are taking part.

See hampshireopenstudios.org.uk for details.

Reptiles on way

WHITCHURCH: The Reptile Ranch will be bringing lizards, frilled dragons, snakes and other creatures to the Silk Mill in Whitchurch on Saturday.

There is a workshop from 11am to noon that costs £3 per child, followed by a drop-in session from 1pm to 4pm that costs £1 each.

Book in advance by calling 01256 892065.

Grants on offer to help research into impact of Great War

PEOPLE in Basingstoke are being urged by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to apply for grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 to undertake projects exploring the impact and legacy of the First World War.

This could be anything from investigating the role the war played in bringing about universal suffrage, the introduction of daylight saving or the mechanisation of agriculture.

One First World War hero from Basingstoke and Deane was Lance Corporal James Welch, who received the Victoria Cross for his courage in attacking German soldiers on the battlefields of northern France in 1917.

Sir Peter Luff, chairman of the HLF, said: "Sadly, the 'war to end all wars' was no such thing and so it is right the events of the First World War

should never be forgotten.

"We've been helping people across the UK explore an incredible array of stories from 1914-18, but the war had an impact beyond 1918 and we must recognise this.

"The legacy of the First World War needs to be better understood and so we are encouraging people to come to us with their ideas."

Tens of thousands of pounds

in Heritage Lottery funding has been awarded to Basingstoke since 1994. In total, £1,404,607 has been awarded to projects through more than 27 grants, including everything from local archaeology and restoring parks and buildings to protecting wildlife.

For more information, visit hlf.org.uk/about-us/news-features/understanding-first-world-war.



LCpl James Welch VC

Village is the first to bag match funding for faster broadband

By Matthew Brown

SILCHESTER is the first place to benefit from a £1million investment in high-tech superfast broadband that has 'the ability to transform the way people interact online'.

A group of 17 properties in the village will be getting fibre broadband as part of Hampshire County Council's Community Match Funding scheme, where they have matched money raised by local communities in areas which are generally harder and more expensive to reach.

"Superfast broadband will



Cllr Roy Perry

make a big difference to us," said Mr Kneller, who lives in

one of the participating properties in Silchester.

"I'd like to work from home sometimes, and at the moment that just isn't possible. My family would also like to be able to stream films and use catch-up services, and do things like book holidays online.

"Ultimately it's what most people now take for granted."

The Hampshire Superfast Broadband programme is already on course to cover 97.4 per cent of the county by 2019, according to the county council, and this project aims to help connect the remaining 2.6 per cent.

The council says more than 87,000 properties are now surfing the net much faster thanks to upgraded connections.

Hampshire County Council leader Roy Perry said: "Good broadband access is fundamental - people rely on the internet everyday, whether it's for banking and shopping, or learning and working from home.

"Not only is it vital for the economy of Hampshire, it is also an effective way of delivering modern and accessible public services.

"This money (the £1m investment) will allow more people to benefit from what is rapidly

becoming an essential service."

The Community Match Funding scheme has been developed in conjunction with BT's Community Fibre Partnership.

Steve Haines, managing director for Openreach, said: "It is great to be able to work with Hampshire County Council and communities like Silchester to find a fibre broadband solution.

"Openreach is committed to making fibre broadband as widely available as possible for households and businesses.

"The technology really does have the ability to transform the way people interact online."

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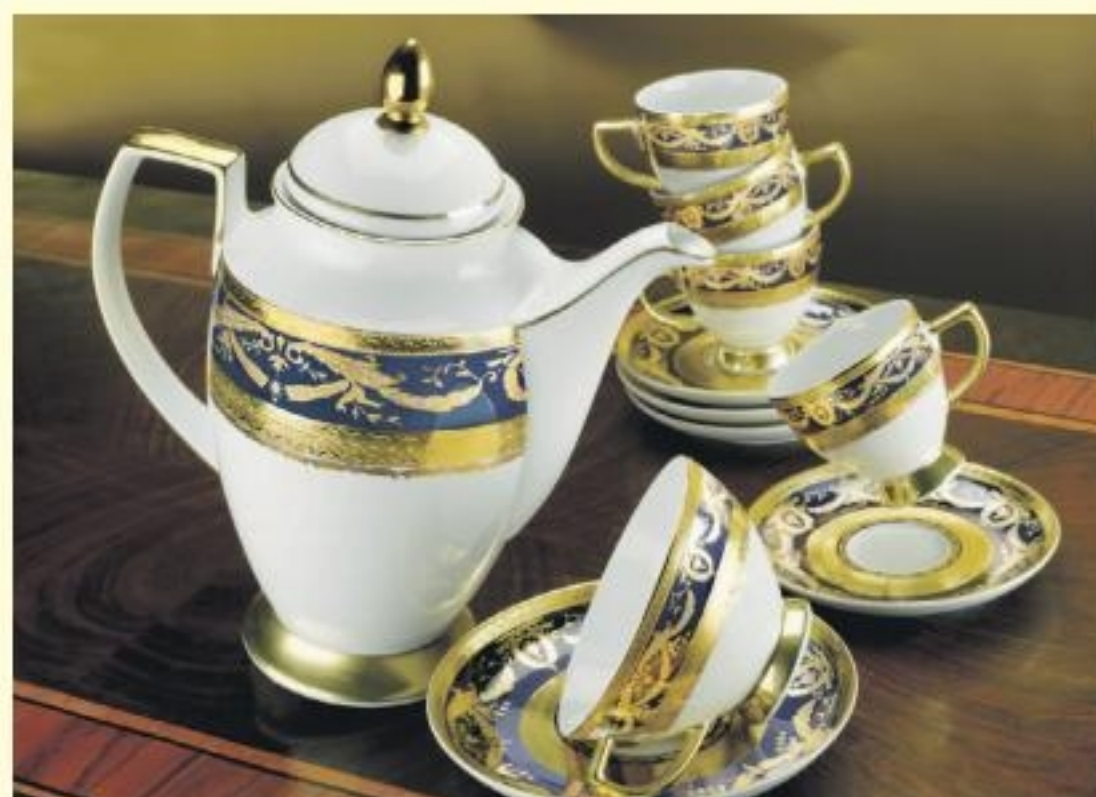
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Mayor urges walkers to follow his lead

BASINGSTOKE'S streets will be full of colour on the evening of September 9 as the St Michael's Hospice Moonlight Walk takes over the streets.

Neon products will be on offer before the 8.5-mile walk in aid of the hospice.

And the mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, Cllr Paul Frankum, is urging people to join him in stepping out. He said: "Like many peo-

ple, I have lost family and friends to cancer, so it is a real privilege to take part in the Moonlight Walk in the 25th anniversary year of St Michael's Hospice.

"I will be walking in memory of my father, who passed away in St Michael's in 2011.

"Cancer took my grandfather and great-grandfather too and the hospice has cared for other councillors, colleagues and council staff.

"I would like to thank all the staff who made a very difficult time in my father's last days so much easier.

"All the money I raise from the Moonlight Walk will go towards the running of this fantastic facility."

The hospice, in Aldermaston Road, cares for those faced with a life-limiting illness along with their families and carers - and has to raise more than £10,000 a

day to cover running costs.

As it is celebrating its 25th anniversary, walkers are being asked to dress in colourful clothing.

The Moonlight Walk starts at 10pm from Porchester Square in Festival Place, is fully marshalled and open to everyone, although children over seven must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit stmichaels-hospice.org/events for details.



Cllr Paul Frankum gets in some practice

News Bites

Fair's just the job

BASINGSTOKE: A jobs fair is coming to Basingstoke on Wednesday.

More than 20 local employers will be at the fair, hosted by Basingstoke Job Centre at the Crown Buildings in Winchester Street.

The fair begins at 10am and ends at 2pm. Call 01256 726589 for more information.

Welcome to play

BASINGSTOKE: The Lighthouse Learning Hub, a new pre-school and after-school at Everest Community Academy, is hosting two fun mornings on Monday and Wednesday.

There will be activities for pre-school aged children and older siblings are welcome to join in.

Both mornings are free and run from 10am until noon. Call 07555 143261 for details.

Were you lucky?

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from August 11.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 02022 of Tadley, while ticket 55992 of Basingstoke claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 39369, and Newbury ticket 78745 gets fourth prize of £20.

Health trust wins gold award

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE'S hospital has struck gold for its support of the armed forces.

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust scooped the Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) Gold Award for how they have facilitated the NHS's Step into Health programme.

The programme offers members of the armed forces an opportunity to undertake work attachments in the NHS when they approach the end of their service.

Donna Green, chief nurse and deputy chief executive, said: "Working closely with the armed forces has had a hugely

positive impact on our trust.

"We are proud of the work we do to support both current and former service personnel and are delighted to have won this award."

She added: "We have been able to identify and employ excellent staff across a wide range of job roles through the Step into Health programme, while we are also benefiting from the training and experience gained by reservists when they are with the forces."

In 2015 Hampshire Hospitals became one of the first NHS trusts to offer the programme that could lead to employment or a guaranteed interview for qualified personnel.

The ERS Gold Award is the

highest badge of honour for organisations that have signed the Armed Forces Covenant, which ensures serving and veteran members and their families are treated fairly.

Employers such as the NHS are recognised through the awards for their support to the forces community.

Defence Secretary Sir Michael Fallon said: "These companies have shown the gold standard of commitment to supporting members of the armed forces," he said.

"They have taken meaningful steps to ensure the defence community are not disadvantaged by the sacrifice they make in helping keep this country safe."



Prince William met Step into Health personnel during a visit to the Hampshire Hospitals last year. Picture: Sarah Gaunt Photography

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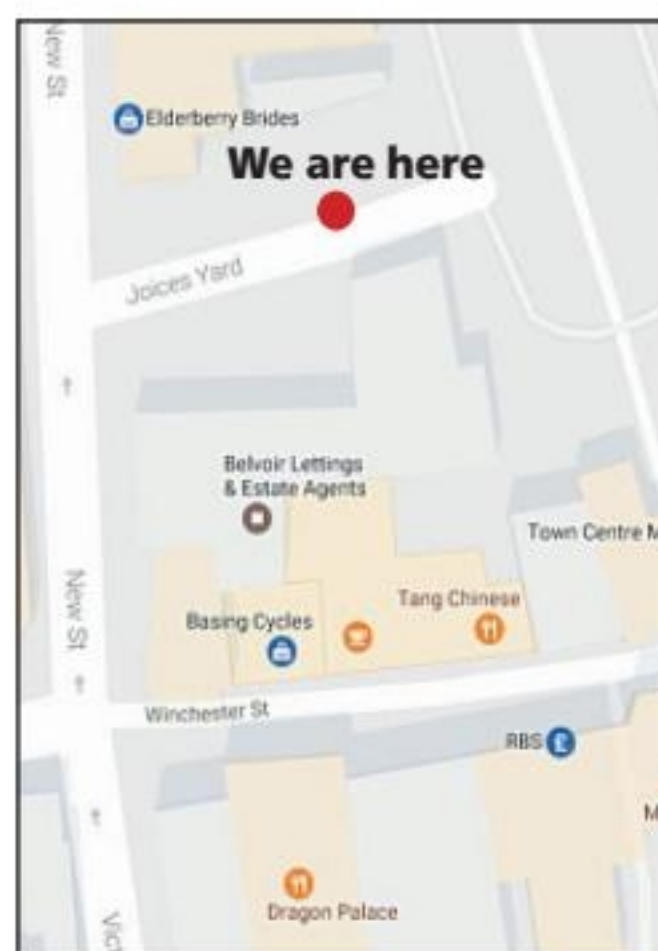
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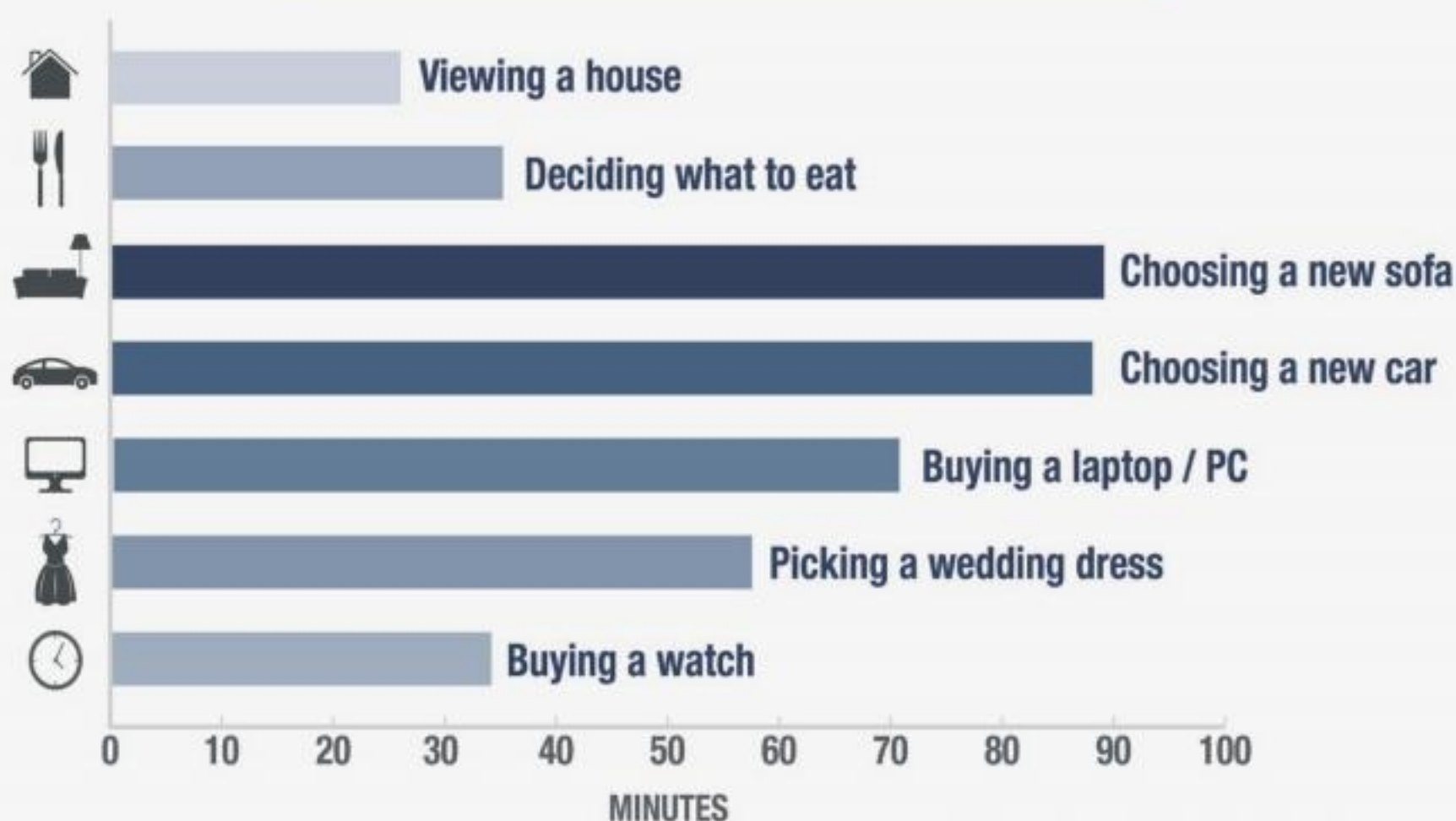
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By Romans Group

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Advertorial

Oxford Aqua Park had us hooked

By Josh Cox

MY partner and I were both a little cautious of a water park in England; that stemmed from Britain's weather, with its many ups and downs. However, our visit to Oxford Aqua Park put our cautiousness to rest.

Upon parking, we were certainly delighted by the very short walk to reception and, also when following that, we were greeted by smiling and friendly faces.

After a short introduction and signing the waiver we were rather early, so we settled for a barista-style coffee and some light snacks in their on-site café, before our session began.

Putting my 'manliness' aside, we both opted for the wetsuits.

A life guard gave the safety briefing, keeping it clear and concise, and not before long we were jumping in the water and mounting our assault on the Park.

There must have been over 30 different platforms, most with daring obstacles, slippery slides, thrilling challenges and more.

The satisfying feeling of accomplishment after finishing an obstacle was only met by the enjoyment and laughter of falling flat in the water on failing the

next!

Although there was a fairly large group of us, at no one time did we feel surrounded due to the vast network of obstacles, platforms and slides - giving you plenty to explore.

The 50 minute session was more than enough. Trust me. Being rather active, it did provide a great (and unusual) workout at the very least. Throughout our time there, we had ear to ear grins from the attempting, succeeding and failing at the obstacles.

Originally thinking it was designed for children, we were met with surprise as there were, what seemed to be, an equal measure of adults and children, all enjoying the mayhem and nonsense of the 'Ninja Warrior' style Aqua Park.

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- 9 Is of use (6)
- 10 Servant (9)
- 11 Encourage (4)
- 13 Hard structure for biting (5)
- 14 Distribute widely (7)
- 16 Expels (7)
- 18 Harmful bacteria (5)
- 19 Soon (4)
- 21 Seasoning (9)
- 22 Kind of shoe (6)
- 23 Stupidity (7)
- 24 Egyptian leader (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Well-bred men (9)
- 2 Heed (9)
- 3 Links (5)
- 5 Measurements (4)
- 6 Turn upside-down (6)
- 7 Man who rules others (6)
- 9 Light meal (5)
- 11 Farthest (9)
- 12 Sprout (9)
- 15 Backless seat (5)
- 16 Fruit (6)
- 17 Indicates (6)
- 20 Snake (5)
- 21 Worry (4)

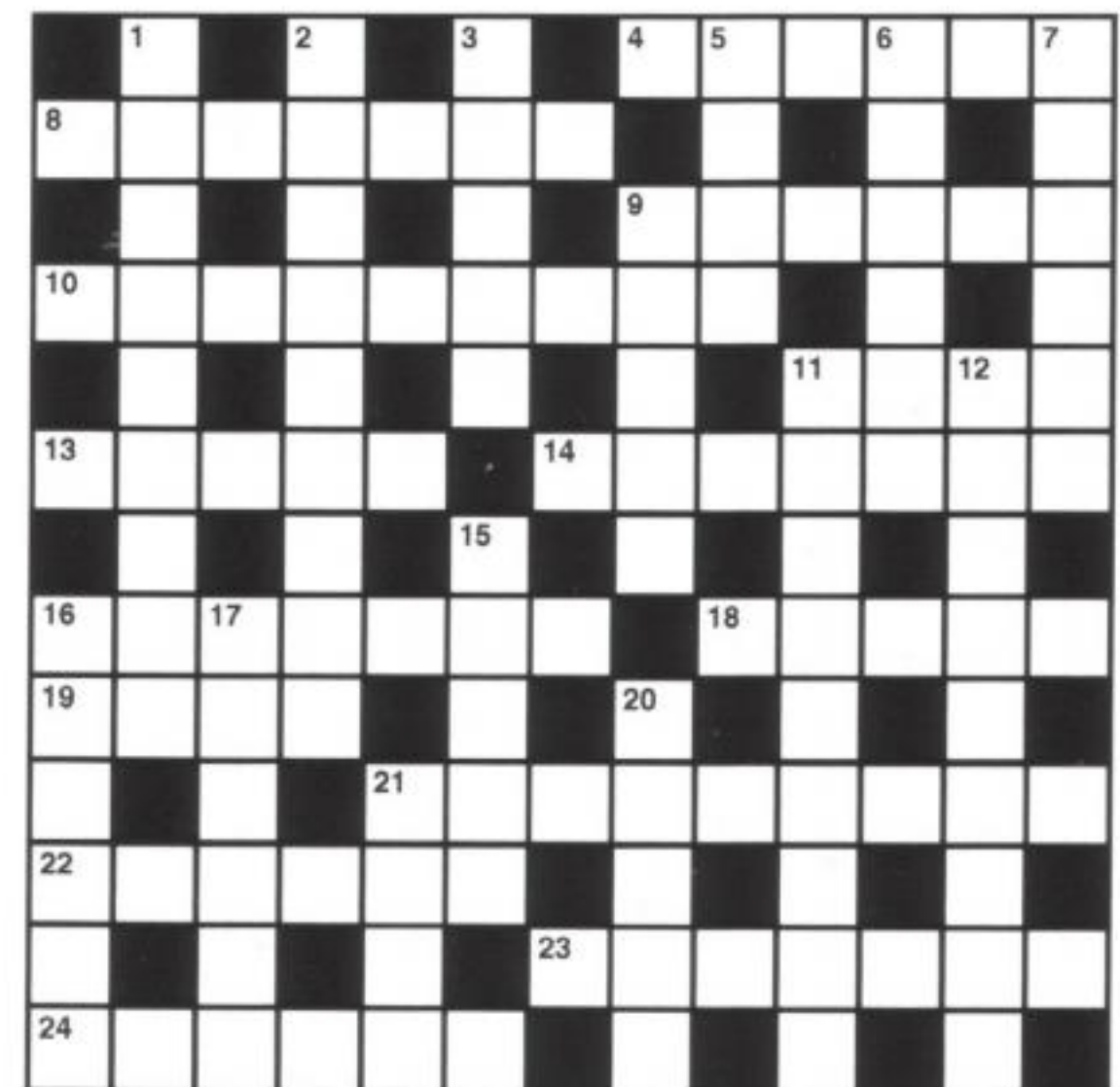
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Cryptic Clues Across

- 4 It upsets us to be insensitive (6)
- 8 Calmed down when all agreed (7)
- 9 Not an upright type (6)
- 10 He's a key worker (9)
- 11 Plots for sleepyheads (4)
- 13 Spruce up for the wedding (5)
- 14 They should know the rules of the game (7)
- 16 Hold it! (7)
- 18 Mock the noisy bumpkin (5)
- 19 Muse about the birds (4)
- 21 Explosives at the sack factory (9)
- 22 Followed Sue in the end (6)
- 23 Her telephone call is fishy (7)
- 24 I'd get in rank more neatly (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Joint opportunity in space (5,4)
- 2 Not footwear for sailors! (9)
- 3 It appears one should look at the manuscript (5)
- 5 Where one's liable to get into hot water (4)
- 6 It's not so pretty to lure G.I. (6)
- 7 The sexes are about to take a hundred - what intemperance! (6)
- 9 Times change newspaper articles (5)
- 11 William fed up with the poster? (9)
- 12 Let's have no humbug getting the sailors out of bed (9)
- 15 54 I'd make black and blue (5)
- 16 Join me in a small amount (6)
- 17 Tended to sunder apart (6)
- 20 He's revolting (5)
- 21 Destiny we hear is a holiday (4)



Advertorial

BBC Music Introducing to showcase over 30 emerging artists at Reading and Leeds Festivals

BBC Radio 1 DJ Huw Stephens has announced the exciting new artists who will perform on the BBC Music Introducing stages at Reading and Leeds Festivals in 2017.

2017 marks 10 years of BBC Music Introducing hosting stages at Reading and Leeds (25-27 August 2017), showcasing some of the best emerging talent from across the UK.

This year Avenoir, Brooke Bentham, Honey Arcade, Moses, Olly Chamberlain, Phundo Art, Plaza, Rale, Scott Quinn, Sugarman, The Golden Age of TV and TOUTSwill take to the BBC Music Introducing stage in Reading on Friday 25th August before performing at Leeds on Saturday 26th August.

Cassia, Colouring, Dan Stock, Ider, Island, KOYO, Pale Waves, Playing House, Sœur, Too Many Ts, Verschieden and Will Sin For Love will appear at Reading Festival on Saturday 26th August

before they're welcomed to the BBC Music Introducing stage at Leeds Festival on Sunday 27th August.

Alibi, Anna Straker, Chroma, Deadset Dream, Ginger Snaps, Honey Lung, Low Island, Mosa Wild, Penguin, Queen Zee and The Sasstones, Rock Bottom Risers, and The Pale White will play at Leeds Festival on Friday 25th August before featuring at Reading Festival on Sunday 27th August.

There will be surprise performances each day at both festivals.

BBC Radio 1's Huw Stephens says: "Reading and Leeds is a huge deal for music fans and playing it is an even bigger deal. BBC Music Introducing is a really exciting part of the festival now, showcasing new talent that's breaking through and

championed by the shows that nominate them to play. You will see something new and awesome every time you stop by!"

With over 460,000 tracks uploaded to the BBC Music Introducing Uploader and 170,000 artists registered since its launch in 2007, BBC Music Introducing supports and propels emerging artists onto the national stage through BBC Radio 1, 1Xtra, Radio 2, 6 Music, Radio 3, Asian Network and World Service.

BBC Music Introducing also provides up-and-coming artists with broadcast opportunities on television and online, as well as the chance to perform at major festivals and showcases. Big name artists including Florence and The Machine, Catfish and the

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Sudoku

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This week's solutions

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Saturday August 19th

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	Pointless Celebrities , 7.20pm 	Proms Extra , 6.50pm 	Catchphrase , 7.15pm 	Britain at Low Tide , 7pm 	Football on 5: The Championship , 9pm 
DAYTIME	10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 Nadiya's British Food Adventure (S) (R) 12.00 Football Focus (S) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 2.15 Money for Nothing (S)(R) 3.15 Escape to the Country (S) 4.00 Final Score (S) 5.15 FILM Toy Story (1995) (PG) (S) 6.30 BBC News (S) 6.40 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 6.45 Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme (S)	10.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S) (R) 11.00 Ulster Derby Highlights (S) 12.00 Nigel and Adam's Farm Kitchen (S)(R) 1.00 Wanted Down Under (S)(R) 1.45 FILM Forbidden Planet (1956) (U) (S) 3.20 Mastermind (S)(R) 3.50 University Challenge (S)(R) 4.20 Only Connect (S)(R) 4.50 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 5.50 The Big Family Cooking Showdown (S)(R) 6.50 Proms Extra (S)	9.25 Judge Rinder (S)(R) 10.20 Gok's Lunchbox (S)(R) 11.15 1000 Heartbeats (S)(R) 12.15 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.25 The Chase (S)(R) 1.25 Joanna Lumley's Postcards (S)(R) 1.55 Tipping Point (S)(R) 3.00 Midsomer Murders (S)(R) 5.00 Little Big Shots USA (S) 6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.05 ITV News (S) 6.20 You've Been Framed! Bounces Back! (S)(R)	6.45 Triathlon: Long Course Weekend (S) 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.30 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 10.55 The Simpsons (S)(R) 11.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) 12.50 Four in a Bed (S)(R) 3.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun (S)(R) 4.35 Big House, Little House (S) 5.35 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (S) (R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 10.25 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.50 FILM Igor (2008) (PG) Animated comedy, with the voice of John Cusack. (S) 12.25 Disobedient Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud Compilation of internet videos featuring dogs. (S)(R) 1.20 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun (S)(R) 3.15 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords (S)(R) 5.10 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (S)(R)
7	7.20 Pointless Celebrities A Formula One-themed edition of the quiz show. (S)(R)	7.30 Welcome to Edinburgh Kirsty Wark celebrates 70 years of the Edinburgh Festival. (S)	7.15 Catchphrase Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. Last in the series. (S)	7.00 Britain at Low Tide Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands visit Essex to investigate the earthwork remains of a Tudor fort. Last in the series. (S)(R)	7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away Paul Bohill and Phil Short must deal with a negligent tenant who fled upon their arrival. (S) (R)
8	8.05 Who Dares Wins Game show in which strangers pair up to win money. (S) 8.45 Casualty New series. Part one of two. (S)	8.00 Iolo's Great Welsh Parks Iolo Williams explores Margam Country Park. (S) 8.30 Dad's Army Pike gets trapped in a minefield. (S)(R)	8.00 FILM The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) (12) Comic-book adventure reboot, starring Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone. (S)	8.00 Child Genius: The Final The five finalists demonstrate their knowledge of degree-level specialist subjects. Last in the series. (S)	8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away Two agents face the most challenging eviction of their careers. (S)(R) 8.55 5 News Weekend (S)
9	9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes tries to gatecrash Maria's hen party. (S)(R)	9.00 FILM The Lady in the Van (2015) (12) The true story of Alan Bennett's friendship with an eccentric homeless woman. Starring Maggie Smith. (S)		9.00 FILM The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013) (12) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Liam Hemsworth. (S)	9.00 Football on 5: The Championship Highlights from the latest games in the Championship, which included Sheffield United v Barnsley. (S)
10	10.05 BBC News; Weather ; (S) National Lottery Update (S) 10.25 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights from the latest Premier League. (S)	10.40 Being Alan Bennett Cameras follow the author during key moments of his 75th year, revealing the apparent contradictions in his personality. (S)(R)	10.35 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.50 FILM The World Is Not Enough (1999) (12) Spy adventure, with Pierce Brosnan, Robert Carlyle and Sophie Marceau. (S)		10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S) 10.30 Celebrity Big Brother Highlights from Friday. (S)
11	11.50 People Just Do Nothing New series. The spoof documentary about a pirate radio station returns. (S)	11.40 FILM The History Boys (2006) (15) Comedy drama, with Richard Griffiths and Stephen Campbell Moore. (S)		11.50 FILM X-Men (2000) (12) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman and Patrick Stewart. (S)	11.30 Lip Sync Battle UK: Rufus Hound v Jorgie Porter The comedian and actress compete. (S)(R)
AFTER 12	12.20 FILM Tron: Legacy (2010) (PG) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jeff Bridges. (S) 2.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 2.20 BBC News (S)	1.30 FILM Henry V (1989) (PG) Shakespeare's historical drama, directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh. (S) 3.40 This Is BBC Two (S)	1.10 Jackpot247 3.00 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen	1.35 The Windsors (S)(R) 2.05 Hollyoaks (S) 4.10 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 5.05 Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money (S)(R)	12.00 Cricket on 5 (S) 1.00 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 Gotham (S)(R) 4.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords (S)(R) 4.45 Access (S) 4.55 Great Scientists (S)(R) 5.25 Nick's Quest (S)(R) 5.45 Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)



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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Adam Lambert: The Hot Desk **6.10** Emmerdale **9.10** Coronation Street **11.40** Catchphrase **12.25** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule **12.55** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.20** You've Been Framed! Goes Wild! **2.25** FILM: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Dustin Hoffman and Natalie Portman. **3.25** FYI Daily **3.30** FILM: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) (U) **4.15** FILM: St Trinian's (2007) (12) **5.15** FYI Daily **5.20** FILM: St Trinian's (2007) (12) **6.10** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) **7.10** FYI Daily **7.15** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) Concluded. **8.00** FILM: Crazy, Stupid, Love (2011) (12) Comedy, starring Steve Carell. **9.05** FYI Daily **9.10** FILM: Crazy, Stupid, Love (2011) (12) Concluded. **10.20** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.20** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **2.10** Viral Tap **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote **8.40** Heidi **10.55** Margery and Gladys **1.00** The Darling Buds of May **2.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.05** FILM: Carry On Camping (1969) (PG) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** FILM: Carry On Camping (1969) (PG) **5.55** Wycliffe **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Law & Order: UK **1.55** Rising Damp **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Brain with David Eagleman **8.00** Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.55** Bob Monkhouse: The Last Stand **12.00** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse **1.25** David Bowie and the Story of Ziggy Stardust **2.30** Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 The Goldbergs **6.50** Coach Trip: Road to Zante **9.30** Made in Chelsea: Ibiza **10.35** FILM: Escape from Planet Earth (2013) (U) **12.15** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **12.30** The Goldbergs **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.30** Don't Tell the Bride **6.30** FILM: Beautiful Creatures (2013) (12) Fantasy, starring Alden Ehrenreich. **9.00** FILM: I Give It a Year (2013) (15) Romantic comedy, with Rose Byrne and Rafe Spall. **11.00** Gogglebox **1.05** Rude Tube: All Things Weird and Wonderful **2.15** Tattoo Fixers **3.10** Gogglebox **4.05** How I Met Your Mother **4.50** Rude(ish) Tube

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MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **9.30** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **1.40** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes **2.40** Come Dine with Me **5.20** Four in a Bed **8.00** The Royal House of Windsor **9.00** Princess Diana's "Wicked" Stepmother **10.05** The Other Prince William **11.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Father Ted **2.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Sunshine on Leith (2013) (PG) **1.00** Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) (PG) **2.50** Epic (2013) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Amanda Seyfried. **4.55** Carry On Teacher (1959) (U) Comedy, starring Ted Ray. **6.40** The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013) (PG) Comedy drama, starring Ben Stiller. **8.55** Patti Cake\$ Interview Special **9.00** I, Frankenstein (2014) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Aaron Eckhart. **10.45** Attack the Block (2011) (15) Sci-fi comedy thriller, starring Jodie Whittaker and John Boyega. **12.30** The Windmill Massacre (2016) (18) **2.10** Submarine (2010) (15) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.20** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **8.10** Top Gear **9.10** Projects **9.40** Sin City Motors **11.40** Top Gear **12.40** Traffic Cops **2.40** Gavin & Stacey **4.40** Would I Lie to You? **6.40** Not Going Out **8.00** Not Going Out Christmas Special **9.00** FILM: Centurion (2010) (15) Ancient Roman action thriller, starring Michael Fassbender. **10.55** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **11.55** QI XL **12.55** QI **1.35** Russell Howard's Good News **2.15** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **3.05** Suits **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Birds of a Feather **7.50** The Last Detective **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** When the Boat Comes In **5.00** FILM: Ballet Shoes (2007) (PG) Drama, starring Emma Watson and Victoria Wood. **7.00** Maisie Raine **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Taggart **10.40** Waking the Dead **1.05** The Lost World **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **7.00** The Dog Whisperer **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **8.30** Soccer AM: The Best Bits **9.00** PL Prediction Show **9.30** Premier League Preview **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30**

What's Up **12.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **1.00** The Dog Whisperer **3.00** It's Me or the Dog **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Rugby's Funniest Moments **9.00** FILM: Days of Thunder (1990) (15) Motor racing drama, starring Tom Cruise. **11.05** Micky Flanagan Thinking Aloud **12.05** A League of Their Own **1.05** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Storm City **8.00** Fish Town **11.00** FILM: The (Dead Mothers) Club. **12.25** Open Your Eyes **1.10** House **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** The Pacific **11.25** Ballers **12.00** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.35** Real Time with Bill Maher **1.45** Twin Peaks: The Return **2.55** The Brink **4.05** The Guest Wing

W SKY: 109

6.00 Beauty and the Beast **7.00** Inside the Ambulance **8.00** The Bill **1.00** EastEnders **3.30** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals **4.00** My Family **6.00** FILM: Spy Kids 2: Island of Lost Dreams (2002) (U) Family adventure sequel, starring Antonio Banderas. **8.00** One Born: What Happened Next? **9.00** FILM: Demolition Man (1993) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone. **11.15** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.15** Inside the Ambulance **1.20** Wild Justice **3.00** Home Shopping






GOLD SKY: 110

7.20 Waiting for God **9.00** Open All Hours **9.40** Only Fools and Horses **10.20** Open All Hours **3.00** Still Open All Hours **5.00** Open All Hours **9.00** The Office **11.00** Bottom **12.20** The Mighty Boosh **1.40** Limmy's Show **2.50** The Office **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Through the Night **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **8.30** Live New Zealand NPC Rugby. **10.20** Rugby Archive **10.30** Soccer Saturday Pre-Match **11.30** Live Premier League. **3.15** Live Super League: The Qualifiers. Warrington Wolves v Halifax RLFC (kick-off 3.15pm). **5.15** Live EFL. Sunderland v Leeds United (kick-off 5.30pm). **7.40** Live Test Cricket. England v West Indies. **9.30** Test Cricket: The Verdict **10.00** Live Solheim Cup Golf. The second day's play at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club in Iowa. **12.30** Live ATP Masters Tennis. **2.00** Live Fight Night International **5.30** Premier League Highlights

Sunday August 20th

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	Countryfile , 6.05pm 	Flog It! , 2.50pm 	The Chase Celebrity Special , 6.30pm 	From Russia to Iran: Crossing the Wild Frontier , 8pm 	The Ant & Dec Story , 7.30pm 
DAYTIME	7.35 Match of the Day (S)(R) 9.00 BBC News (S) 10.00 Sunday Morning Live (S) 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 12.00 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Money for Nothing (S)(R) 2.15 Songs of Praise (S) 2.50 Athletics: Birmingham Grand Prix (S) 5.10 Celebrity Mastermind (S)(R) 5.40 BBC News (S) 5.55 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 6.05 Countryfile (S)	9.15 Countryfile (S)(R) 10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) 11.45 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food (S)(R) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra (S) 1.00 The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain (S)(R) 1.30 Athletics: Birmingham Grand Prix (S) 2.50 Flog It! (S)(R) 3.45 Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney (S)(R) 4.45 Equestrian (S) 6.50 Tribes, Predators & Me (S)(R)	8.30 Weekend (S) 9.25 Judge Rinder (S)(R) 10.20 Long Lost Family (S)(R) 11.20 Love Your Garden (S)(R) 12.20 ITV News (S) 12.25 James Martin's French Adventure (S)(R) 1.00 Rebound (S)(R) 1.55 Tipping Point (S)(R) 2.55 Bear Grylls Survival School (S)(R) 3.25 FILM Licence to Kill (1989) (15) (S) 6.00 ITV Regional News (S) 6.10 ITV News (S) 6.30 The Chase Celebrity Special (S)	6.00 Last Man Standing (S) 7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.00 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch (S) 12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (S)(R) 1.35 The Simpsons (S)(R) 3.35 Toy Story Toons (S)(R) 4.05 FILM Toy Story That Time Forgot (2014) (U) (S) 4.30 FILM Tangled (2010) (PG) Disney animated comedy, with the voice of Mandy Moore. (S) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)	11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S)(R) 12.00 Police Interceptors (S)(R) 1.00 Police Interceptors: Dog Squad Special (S)(R) 2.00 Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits (S)(R) 3.00 Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits 2 (S)(R) 3.55 Police Interceptors: Drugs Bust (S)(R) 4.55 5 News Weekend (S) 5.00 Biggest Dog in the World (S)(R) 6.00 The Secret Life of Puppies: Terrible Twos (S)(R)
7	7.05 Fake or Fortune? New series. Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould investigate a landscape that may be a lost painting by Constable. (S)	7.50 Meet the New Dragons An introduction to Dragons' Den's new panelists. (S)	7.30 FILM Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (2011) (12) Conclusion of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Ralph Fiennes. (S)	7.00 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year New series. George Clarke presides over the 2017 competition. (S)	7.30 The Ant & Dec Story Documentary celebrating much-loved duo Anthony McPartlin and Declan Donnelly. (S)(R)
8	8.05 FILM Far from the Madding Crowd (2015) (12) Premiere. Period drama, with Carey Mulligan and Matthias Schoenaerts. (S)	8.00 Dragons' Den New series. Tej Lalvani and Jenny Campbell join the panel casting an eye over more money-making ideas. (S)		8.00 From Russia to Iran: Crossing the Wild Frontier New series. Levison Wood travels across the Caucasus mountain range. (S)	
9		9.00 Astronauts: Do You Have What it Takes? New series. A group of 12 people compete against each other through six weeks of astronaut training. (S)		9.00 The State New series. Drama following the experiences of four British men and women who left their lives behind to join Isis in 2015. Continues tomorrow. (S)	9.00 Celebrity Big Brother The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. (S)
10	10.00 BBC News (S) 10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 10.30 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action. (S)	10.00 I Behaviour New series. Comedy about a man who responds to an old friend's cancer diagnosis by kidnapping him and forcing him to undergo chemotherapy. (S)	10.00 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.15 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories Barrister Robert Rinder examines the case of murderer Kenneth Noye. (S)(R)	10.00 FILM The Gunman (2015) (15) After spending years in hiding, a mercenary becomes the latest target of his former colleagues. Crime drama, starring Sean Penn and Idris Elba. (S)	10.05 Before They Were Stars Dale Winton treks back through the TV archive to uncover embarrassing early brushes with fame endured by some of today's biggest stars. (S)
11	11.30 FILM Dream House (2011) (15) Horror, starring Daniel Craig, Naomi Watts and Rachel Weisz. (S)	11.00 FILM The Hunter (2011) (15) Drama, starring Willem Dafoe, Frances O'Connor and Sam Neill. (S)	11.15 Take Me Out A Michael Jackson impersonator is among the contestants. (S)(R)		
AFTER 12	12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.00 BBC News (S)	12.35 FILM Tommy (1975) (15) Rock opera, starring Roger Daltrey. (S) 2.10 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) 3.10 Holby City (S)(R) 4.10 This Is BBC Two (S)	12.35 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)	12.10 FILM Belle (2013) (12) (S) 2.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) 2.50 Gillette World Sport (S) 3.20 KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) 3.50 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 4.45 Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money (S)(R)	12.05 Cricket on 5 (S) 1.00 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 Gotham (S)(R) 4.00 Now That's Funny! (S)(R) 4.50 Great Scientists (S)(R) 5.20 Nick's Quest (S)(R) 5.45 Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Mr Bean **6.25** Emmerdale **9.25** Coronation Street **11.55** Ninja Warrior UK **1.00** Mr Bean **2.05** FILM: Honey (2003) (PG) Urban dance drama, starring Jessica Alba. **3.05** FYI Daily **3.10** FILM: Honey (2003) (PG) Concluded. **4.00** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) Live action and animated comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) Concluded. **5.50** FILM: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Emma Thompson. **6.50** FYI Daily **6.55** FILM: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) (U) Concluded. **8.00** FILM: The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) (12) Motor-racing adventure, starring Lucas Black. **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** FILM: The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) (12) Concluded. **10.05** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Viral Tap **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 FILM: Carry On Camping (1969) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. **7.00** FYI Daily **7.05** FILM: Carry On Camping (1969) (PG) Concluded. **7.35** Heartbeat **9.35** Murder, She Wrote **11.40** The Darling Buds of May **12.45** Heidi **2.50** Wycliffe **3.55** Foyle's War **6.00** Margery and Gladys **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.05** FILM: Casablanca (1942) (U) Romantic drama, with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10** FILM: Casablanca (1942) (U) Concluded. **2.05** Margery and Gladys **3.45** May the Best House Win **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Do We Really Need the Moon? **8.00** BBC Proms 2017 **10.40** The Treasure Hunters **12.40** James May at the Edge of Space **1.10** The Rules of Abstraction with Matthew Collings **2.40** The Art of Australia **3.40** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Kevin Can Wait **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.25** Hollyoaks **11.00** Made in Chelsea: Ibiza **12.00** The Goldbergs **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Specials **8.00** FILM: Shallow Hal (2001) (12) Comedy, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black. **10.15** Don't Tell the Bride **11.20** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **12.25** Body Fixers **1.30** Gogglebox **2.30** Rude Tube: Superstars of the Web **3.25** Rude Tube **3.50** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Location, Location, Location **12.10** Come Dine with Me **2.50** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The Secret Life of the Zoo **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** It Was Alright in the 1970s **11.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.15** It Was Alright in the 1970s **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Carry On Nurse (1959) (PG) Comedy, starring Hattie Jacques. **1.00** Antz (1998) (PG) Animated comedy, with the voice of Woody Allen. **2.40** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (2013) (PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Logan Lerman. **4.45** Multiplicity (1996) (12) Sci-fi comedy, starring Michael Keaton. **7.00** Patti Cake\$ Interview Special **7.05** Hocus Pocus (1993) (PG) Supernatural Disney comedy, starring Bette Midler. **9.00** The Drop (2014) (15) Crime drama, starring Tom Hardy. **11.10** Splice (2009) (15) Sci-fi horror, starring Adrien Brody and Sarah Polley. **1.15** Isolation (2005) (15) Horror, starring Essie Davis. **3.10** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.20** Top Gear **9.20** Red Bull Soapbox Race **10.20** Traffic Cops **12.20** The Best of Top Gear **1.20** Top Gear **2.20** Would I Lie to You? **3.40** Not Going Out **5.00** Not Going Out Christmas Special **6.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **8.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News For You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Live at the Apollo **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News For You **2.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.50** Suits **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 Ain't Misbehavin' **8.00** The Bill **12.00** Call the Midwife **4.00** Catherine Cookson's The Glass Virgin **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.30** Taggart **1.10** FILM: The Last Musketeer (2000) (15) Drama, starring Robson Green. **3.10** Call the Midwife **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **9.30** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **10.00** WWE Raw Hits **11.00** MacGyver **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** David

Attenborough's Galapagos **9.00** Ross Kemp on Gangs **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00** Zoo **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** Most Daring **3.00** Road Wars **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Storm City **8.00** Fish Town **11.00** House **2.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **10.10** Real Time with Bill Maher **11.25** 1993 **12.20** Ballers **12.50** Game of Thrones **3.10** Twin Peaks: The Return **4.20** The Guest Wing

W SKY: 109

6.11 Beauty and the Beast **7.00** MasterChef Australia **12.30** My Restaurant in India **1.00** Doctor Who **4.00** My Family **6.00** Outnumbered **8.00** One Born Every Minute **10.00** Life and Death Row **11.20** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.00** One Born: What Happened Next? **1.00** Happy Valley **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.20 Waiting for God **8.20** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Open All Hours **11.40** Only Fools and Horses **1.00** Still Open All Hours **5.00** Open All Hours **7.00** Still Open All Hours **9.00** The Office **11.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **12.00** FILM: Memoirs of an Invisible Man (1992) (PG) Comedy spy thriller, starring Chevy Chase and Daryl Hannah. **2.10** The Mighty Boosh **2.45** The Office **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Through the Night **7.00** Total Goals **9.00** Live European Tour Golf. The Paul Lawrie Match Play. Coverage of the fourth day from Bad Griesbach Golf Resort in Germany. **10.30** Sky Sports Today **11.00** Goals on Sunday **12.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Huddersfield Town v Newcastle United (kick-off 12.30pm). Coverage of the Premier League encounter at John Smith's Stadium. **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea (kick-off 4.00pm). Coverage of the Premier League clash at Wembley Stadium. **7.00** Live Solheim Cup Golf. The third day at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club, featuring 12 singles matches, at the biennial women's tournament between Europe and the United States concludes. **12.00** Through the Night

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Music comes marching in

By Josh Cox

THE celebrated Big Chris Barber Band are marking 100 years of jazz this year and will be bringing their Centenary of Jazz extravaganza to Basingstoke next month.

Trombonist Chris Barber OBE is one of the last British jazz giants around and a paragon of traditional jazz in the UK.

He formed his first band in 1949 at the age of 19 and has gone on to become not only one of Europe's most successful and influential bandleaders, but a true jazz legend.

For more than 68 years, he has been active in the music scene promoting, recording and releasing music and touring with his 10-piece band the world over. In that time his album sales have numbered in the millions and the amount of critics dazzled in the thousands.

Inspired by the great Ken Colyer Jazz Men, the band features everything from New Orleans to blues to late 1920s'



The 10-piece Big Chris Barber Band can be heard big, loud and proud at The Anvil in Basingstoke on September 21

Ellington, played with extraordinary panache and skill.

On this special night of music you will hear songs from the Jazz Age and Chris' favourites like Bourbon Street Parade, Jubilee Stomp, Petite

Fleur, Ice Cream, When the Saints Go Marching In and many more.

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evening of high quality jazz and blues that will appeal in equal measure to the aficionado and the newcomer.

The show takes place at The Anvil, Basingstoke on September 21 at 7.45pm.

Full price tickets are £23, which includes a £2 booking fee.

For more information or to book tickets, call the box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

Outdoors with Jane

THEATRE: Take a step back in time on Sunday with the Chapterhouse Theatre Company, which presents one of Jane Austen's most loved novels, *Pride and Prejudice*.

The outdoor production celebrating the 200th anniversary of the novelist's death takes place at Basing House in Old Basing at 6pm.

Full price tickets cost £15 and child tickets cost £10.

Art in the frame

ART: The annual Bramley Art Exhibition will be taking place on August 26 and 27 at the Bramley Village Hall.

Work by talented local artists will be on display alongside a sale of small crafts. Light refreshments will be available.

The exhibition takes place from 2pm to 7pm both days and carries no entry fee.

Peace and coffee

CRAFTS: Socialise over a tea or coffee with other parents while the children are entertained with a range of craft activities, toys and sensory play items next Thursday.

The event takes place at the Viables Community Centre from 10am to 11.30am. It costs £2 per family.

Married to their music

By Josh Cox

THE popular husband and wife team, The Westies, will be stopping off in Basingstoke this September.

The musical partnership of Michael McDermott and Heather Horton was forged in a creative fire that preceded their marriage.

The duo have been proclaimed as 'a match made in heaven - the art of storytelling in music is not dead' by Popshifter.

While the pair often perform together, both are accomplished singer-songwriters in their own right and still play solo gigs.

Michael entered onto the music scene in his early 2000s with his exceptional debut album, 620 W. Surf. Now 10 albums in, his latest album Willow Springs is one of the most honest, daring and defiant recordings of his career.

Willow Springs is named after the small town where he now resides with his wife Heather and young daughter, and reflects certain aspects about his

life, the situations he's encountered, while realising that ultimately, his fate resided in his own hands.

Heather is no stranger to the struggles and triumphs of the business. Her endeavours have been extensive, but are not free of their share of obstacles. Her 2011 release, Postcard Saturdays, held promise to be the breakthrough work that set her on a course she had always desired.

Her latest album, Don't Mess With Mrs Murphy, tells the narrative of Horton's life often including deep and personal experiences. The album contains an array of themes and poses questions that incite the audience to consider his or her own existence.

The Westies will be performing at The Forge, Basingstoke on September 28 at 8pm.

Full price tickets cost £14; concessions, under 16s and full-time students are £12.

For more information or to book tickets, call the box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.



The Westies can be seen on stage at The Forge, Basingstoke, next month

Take a bough

ACTIVITY: The Big Tree Climbing Company will be providing safe and fun tree climbing sessions on August 25 at various times in the day.

Visitors aged six and over can learn to climb a tree under careful supervision and in a harness at the 16th century country house The Vyne in Sherborne St John. Booking is required on 0800 0556 760.

Summer laughs

THEATRE: The Pantaloons will be presenting their innovative and hilarious open-air version of the Bard's timeless comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, on Saturday.

The production takes place in the grounds of The Vyne in Sherborne St John at 5.45pm. Booking is required on 03442 491895.

Open art week

ART: Doodles Art Studio, as part of Hampshire Open Studios, will exhibit work from a diverse group of more than 35 local artists and crafters. Come to the studio based at 72 Franklin Avenue, Tadley to see the wide range of work. The studio is open from Monday to August 26, and August 28 from 10am to 5pm, with free admission.

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Fabia's a star for its space and fun

By Tony Yates

THERE has been a lot of talk about the possibility of someone hacking into our cars' electronic brains the moment we connect to the mobile internet.

To be honest if somebody wants to hack into my car to listen to my Bros MP3 collection, then they are more than welcome – plus, the solution would be simple. Just turn off your mobile phone while driving, which we should all be doing anyway.

Also, a source told me recently that exploiting this flaw in any vehicle 'required unique and extensive technical knowledge, along with prolonged physical access to the vehicle in question and an extended period of time to write the code to make the car do unusual things'. So it seems it's actually pretty hard – so I shall not worry about my Bros music collection.

Power and efficiency

The 1.0-litre 95PS TSi petrol engine is fantastic, and it pulls great – with a good range of torque (160Nm). The 0-62

time is OK at 10.6sec and, although not a racing start, it still feels like it wants to get a move on. You can also expect a top speed of around 115mph. Fuel consumption is also good, giving you a combined figure of 64mpg. Safety also seems paramount for Skoda because the Fabia is fitted with front side airbags, curtain airbags and a driver's and front passenger airbag.

On the road

The Fabia is not bad at all, and there is nothing to complain about because all the Fabia models throughout the years have all had excellent road holding capabilities and the Monte Carlo is no exception. The five speed gearbox is also a peach to use and you get a positive feedback through the steering wheel as to what the road beneath you is doing thanks to the sporty nature of the suspension.

Interior and technology

The new Fabia Monte Carlo has a lot to offer a modern driver like style,

comfort and practicality. Skoda says that the Fabia turns heads wherever it goes with its dynamic style and elegant lines. I personally believe this to be a very good description.

Inside, the overall quality and feel is good and exceptionally spacious in the rear for a compact car. There is also plenty of standard kit – like 16inch Italia black alloy wheels, acoustic rear parking sensors, black decorative inserts, black radiator grille, Bluetooth, DAB digital radio, door sill inserts with Monte Carlo logo (front only), front fog lights, front sports seats, LED daytime running lights, manual air conditioning, Monte Carlo badge on the B pillar, Monte Carlo pedals, panoramic glass sunroof, sports leather multi-function steering wheel and a tyre pressure monitoring system.

Space inside any compact car is important for many reasons, and the Fabia does not disappoint by managing to fit in a large family with relative ease. Boot space is also good at 330 litres – extending to 1,150 with all



The Skoda Fabia Monte Carlo is a good car with a good price tag

the rear seats down. Rear passengers won't feel squashed or cramped either thanks to Skoda allowing a good amount of rear leg room at the back.

To sum up

The Fabia is a good car with a good

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Amy aims to follow in footsteps of Olympians at school games

A TALENTED table tennis player from Basingstoke is to take part in a competition for some of the most able athletes in the country.

Amy Blagbrough has been selected to be part of the table tennis squad at the 2017 School Games National Finals at Loughborough University from August 31 to September 3 and will compete for the England South West team.

The 17-year-old, who attends Queen Mary's College, already has an impressive record of success – she ranks in the top

10 in her age group and has represented England at under 14 level.

Amy will be hoping to follow in the footsteps of some well-known stars who have competed at the School Games before going on to achieve significant success at the senior level.

These include the swimmer Adam Peaty, heptathlete Katrina Johnson-Thompson, sprinter Adam Gemili and Paralympic champions Hannah Cockcroft, Ellie Simmonds and Jonnie Peacock.

At the Rio Olympics last year, 56 of the 382 athletes representing Team GB competed at the School Games and Amy seems pretty determined to follow in their footsteps.

She said: "I was lucky enough to go and watch the 2012 Olympics in London – seeing the level you need to reach to be the best has kept me determined."

Amy is to stay in a dedicated Athlete's Village on the Loughborough University campus and will take part in the opening ceremony and get to perform in front of the crowd.



Amy Blagbrough already has an impressive sporting record

Sport Bites

Whitchurch draw

FOOTBALL: Newly-relegated Whitchurch United got their Wessex League Division One campaign under way with a 2-2 home draw against Christchurch. The visitors took the lead on eight minutes but Jack Ormiston and David Panter gave Whitchurch a 2-1 advantage.

Christchurch hit back from the penalty spot to ensure both teams shared the points.

Double delight

CRICKET: Hampshire are now in sight of making the quarter finals of the t20Blast after back-to-back victories against Glamorgan and Kent.

Last Thursday, they beat south division leaders Glamorgan by eight wickets thanks to 60 not out from James Vince, after Mason Crane (3-21) had restricted Glamorgan to 118-6 from their 20 overs.

Against Kent in Canterbury on Monday, Vince again impressed with 57 as they chalked up a six-wicket win.

The final game is against Somerset at the Ageas Bowl tomorrow.

Tadley on form

FOOTBALL: Tadley Calleva made it two from two in their Wessex League Division One Campaign after an impressive 5-2 victory at Hythe and Diden on Saturday.

Veteran Paul Coventry scored a brace – opening the scoring on eight minutes and adding a second midway through the first half before George Hallahan made it three just before half time. Hythe hit back with two goals in the second half but Brett Denham and Archie Fawcett made the points safe.

Rose misses cut

GOLF: North Hampshire Golfer Justin Rose failed to make the cut at the US PGA Championships at Quail Hollow.

He got stuck in a rut after shooting a five over par on the first day of the tournament, which included three bogeys and a double bogey on the back nine. Rose finished 72nd, well down the leaderboard.

'Stoke climb up the league

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE and North Hants Cricket Club (BNHCC) kept their Southern League Division One title hopes alive with an impressive 20-run victory away at Bournemouth.

The victory for the Bountymen moved them to second in the table keeping the heat on leaders Calmore Sports with three games to go.

Bournemouth won the toss at Dean Park and elected to

field, making an early breakthrough when opener Dan Belcher (4) was bowled by Chrystian Michalowski.

But Belcher's partner Max Harsham chipped in with 28 and, together with Chris Froud (18), got BNHCC past 50 before both were dismissed by Jeremy Warner.

Captain Mitch Stokes came in and blasted 49 off 53 balls and along with William Phillips, added 77 for a fourth wicket partnership before

Stokes was agonisingly run out one run short of his half century by Michalowski.

Phillips battled on for 40 from 94 balls but wickets were falling cheaply around him, David Griffiths was soon followed back in the pavilion by George Metzger.

The score was now 166-7 but Richard Vinn came in and scored 19 not out as Martyn James and Chris Jolley, fell around him.

Basingstoke ended their 50

overs on 196-9.

In reply, BNHCC made an early breakthrough when Bournemouth opener Ben Bridgen was caught by Chris Jolley off the bowling of David Griffiths for five.

Martyn James also got in on the action, bowling Nick Park (19) and then Chris Park was run out by Phillips, leaving the score at 47-3.

Simon Woodruff (26) and Martin Miller (30) tried to rebuild the innings but Wood-

ruff was LBW to Chris Jolley and Miller was run out by Griffiths.

Jake Hurley top scored with 33 but tight BNHCC bowling throughout the Bournemouth innings made it extremely hard to score and chase what was an achievable target of 197.

They batted out their 50 overs but finished 20 runs short on 176-5.

Portsmouth are up next at May's Bounty on Saturday.

Collard loses ground on rivals after being knocked off track

ROB Collard was left seething after an eventful round seven of the British Touring Car Championship at Knockhill.

The North Hampshire racer lost ground in his quest for the Drivers' Championship but did maintain his record of being the only driver to score points in every race this season.

He finished fourth twice and was on course for a podium finish in race three when he went off-track following contact with championship rival Gordon Shedden, having to settle for 11th place after leaving the track again.

Collard said: "I have mixed emotions about today. Two fourth places provided solid points for the championship but I've been the victim of a move by Gordon Shedden that was never one in a million years in race three.

"He pushed me off the track, which put a lot of dirt in my tyres and left me struggling for grip.

"Pushing hard to make up lost ground, I clipped a kerb too hard at the chicane and went off again, which has cost me a lot of points.

"But the BMW was improv-

ing throughout the day so I'll be confident of pulling back some points at Rockingham."

Collard now sits in fourth place in the Drivers' Championship on 248 points, 18 points behind new leader and teammate Colin Turkington who claimed podium finishes in all three races.

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Rob Collard lost ground on the championship leaders at Knockhill. Picture courtesy of btcc.net



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Dragons had chances but slip to 3-1 opening defeat

By Matthew Brown

IT was not a happy start for Basingstoke Town as they began their Southern League Premier Division campaign with two defeats.

The Dragons suffered a 3-1 loss at the hands of Frome Town at the Camrose on Saturday, and went down 1-0 away at Dorchester Town on Monday evening.

Against Frome, Terry Brown's side went behind early on through an eighth minute own goal from Basingstoke captain Marcus Johnson-Schuster.

Jon Davies' corner was diverted into the net at the near post by the unfortunate skipper.

Davies was involved in Frome's second goal in the 21st minute when he squeezed the ball through for Jake Jackson to score with a volley.

This seemed to jolt Town into action and their attacking play forced a number of corners that came to no avail, despite Aaron Jarvis and Shane Hollamby going close.

The in-form Ben Wright then forced Kyle Phillips in the Frome net to make an excellent save with a free-kick from distance, just before half-time.

At the start of the second half, Brown shuffled his pack with Connor Davies replacing fellow Reading

loanee Cameron Green up front with Jarvis.

This change paid off when Davies fed Jarvis in the area and Marcus Mapstone clipped his heels.

Referee Daniel Lamport immediately pointed to the spot - Wright stepped up and duly dispatched the spot kick, sending Phillips the wrong way to make it 2-1.

Basingstoke were now dominating and had numerous chances for an equaliser which they were made to pay with 35 minutes remaining.

Just as Jarvis was about to shoot, Mapstone came in with a great challenge and Frome went up the other end with Davies weaving through challenges to score and make the game safe at 3-1.

On Monday night, Town started brightly - Wright had a header deflected wide and then another chance from the resulting corner but were unable to capitalise.

Sam Smart on the wing was at the heart of Basingstoke's attacking play, setting up Johnson-Schuster who blazed over and then Wright had a shot saved.

Dorchester, who had one shot on target in the first half, continued to ride their luck but took the lead on 61 minutes through Ollie Griggs's header and held out for their first win.



Second half Basingstoke replacement Connor Davies makes his mark
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